

The Federal Communications Commission

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

Dear Commissioner,

Congratulations on your new appointment. For quite a while now, I have been watching both my land line and wireless phone bills and my cable bills and I am aghast at the amount of "taxes" and "fees" (both Federal and state, and "special") that have accrued over the last decade. I don't really need an explanation--having watched enough C-SPAN programming over time to understand the vast changes that have occurred over this period. However, I DO want to state that these fees are much too high and are eating up the limited incomes of folks like myself. These are very regressive taxes and fees and hurt low and moderate income people the most.

Now, I do not want to pay more for my telephone service! I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make my current wireless service unaffordable.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is unfair!

I use my wireless phone for safety, security and convenience, in particular, safety and security! I make very few long-distance calls. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

Keep the USF Fair!

Sincerely,

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